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WEATHER FORECAST.
Rain tonight or tomorrow.

RUSSIANS HURLED ENLARGE FORTS

Gale, Quake, Tidal Wave Sweep Islands

TOWNS ARE ENTIRELY RUINED

All Shipping in American Samoa Group Destroyed or Badly Damaged.

3000 PEOPLE ARE LEFT DESTITUTE

Heavy Roofs Are Blown Ten Miles; Soil Torn From Graves.

TUTUILA, American Samoa, Feb. 12.—(By wireless.)—Not only a hurricane, but with it an earthquake and a tidal wave swept across the islands of the Samoan group, reported here today show that many persons were killed, one of whom was believed by flying wreckage.

Whole Villages Wiped Out.

Entire villages disappeared. Those of which traces remained were ruined utterly. All shipping either was destroyed or badly damaged.

Three-fourths of the coconuts, on which the islands depend for nourishment and their commerce in copra, were leveled and all the remainder injured. Some plantations were wiped out. It will be a year before any food plants can be brought into bearing again, and 7000 inhabitants are destitute.

Thousands May Starve.

The American garrison at Fitiuta is furnishing food, clothes and temporary assistance, but the need for further aid is urgent. The food supply is so low that starvation will set in before three weeks. The South seas have known hurricanes, but the situation left in the wake of this one is described as unprecedented.

Soil Torn From Rocks.

At the height of the storm the fury of the wind was unbelievable. Iron roofs were torn off and blown 10 miles. The very soil was torn from the coral rock and the coffins in new made graves are left exposed. At one time the barometer stood at 27.50.

U. S. CABINET DISCUSSES PROTEST TO TWO NATIONS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The note to Germany warning against menace to American lives and property in the new naval zone about the British Isles and the note to Great Britain pointing out the danger to neutral shipping by any general use of the American flag over belligerent merchant vessels, were discussed at today's cabinet meeting, but all administration officials refrained from comment on them. Secretary Bryan said the United States had not yet been officially advised of the receipt of the papers in London and Berlin.

U. S. ASKS POSTPONEMENT OF SHIP CARGO TRIAL

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The American government has proposed to Great Britain a postponement of the plan to take the American steamer Wilhelmus before a prize court, but that her owners may have opportunity to present evidence which they contend will prove her cargo not properly subject to seizure.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The day in congress:

The rules committee deferred action on several closure proposals regarding the ship purchase bill.

Investigation of senatorial campaigns in Pennsylvania, Illinois and other states was deferred.

Senator Lee, of Maryland, read Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

House.

Debate was continued on the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Addresses were delivered in celebration of the 166th birthday anniversary of president Lincoln.

IOWA SENATE PASSES "DRY" AMENDMENT; HOUSE TO ACT

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 12.—The Iowa senate today adopted a constitutional amendment providing for statewide prohibition by a vote of 39 to 19. The measure now goes to the house.

"Best Paper Ever Printed in Southwest"

Editor El Paso Herald:

That Annual Review issue "you-all" have just turned out is the swiftest newspaper ever printed in the southwest.

The War At a Glance

AN OFFICIAL statement from Petrograd today makes it clear that the Russian invasion of east Prussia is checked and that the invaders are retreating to their own territory. Germany's version of the facts that brought this about has not been given, and it is not known whether there has been heavy fighting, or whether the Russians are merely falling back before the largely reinforced German army. With the withdrawal of Russians, German soil will be freed from hostile forces, except in a section of Alsace.

PORTUGAL TO AID BRITAIN

The Portuguese foreign minister has announced that his country will carry out the policy decided upon early in the war, involving adhesion to the treaty with Great Britain, requiring Portugal to assist her with troops. Portugal now has 100,000 men under arms. The foreign minister did not state whether immediate action would be taken to throw the army into the field with the allies.

WILSON REJECTS COMPROMISE BILL

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—President Wilson today rejected the compromise ship bill, evolved Thursday by Democratic leaders of the house. He refused to agree to an amendment terminating the activities of the government in shipping business two years after the close of the European war.

Representing the president, postmaster general Burleson made a counter proposition to the leaders. It was that the house combine senator Gore's substitute for the administration bill with a bill by senator Webb which already has passed the senate, proposing a line of naval auxiliaries to be used in emergencies at the discretion of the secretary of the navy. Mr. Burleson said the president would not accept any amendment to his original bill.

Reed Would End Debate.

In the senate senator Reed precipitated a parliamentary battle by seeking a vote on his resolution to close a debate on the shipping bill with a vote not later than 5 p. m. today. His action came as a complete surprise and a long wrangle followed.

Marshall Breaks Deadlock.

Twice during the debate roll calls on motions to end debate resulted in a tie, 16 to 16, and each time vice president Marshall broke the deadlock, voting with the administration forces. He sustained senator Lodge's point of order, however, that senator Reed's proposal was debatable. Senator Norris moved to amend senator Reed's motion by adding his proposed closure rule that no senator should speak more than three hours on one question. Mr. Norris spoke at length on it.

The parliamentary result of the wrangle, it developed, is to fix the bill so that it cannot be taken up again without an argument.

CORNERSTONE OF LINCOLN MEMORIAL STRUCTURE LAID

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The cornerstone of the \$2,000,000 Lincoln memorial structure was laid here today without ceremonies. Former senator Blackburn of Kentucky, the resident member of the Lincoln memorial commission, was in charge.

KILLING EXPLODES IN FACTORY

Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 12.—An ammunition factory outside of Stockholm was the scene Thursday of an explosion which resulted in the death of five persons and the destruction of considerable supplies of ammunition. The loss, however, will have comparatively little effect on the supplies of the army and navy.

GREAT BRITAIN'S REPLY IS BEING DECIPHERED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—Great Britain's supplementary reply to president Wilson's note of December 26, respecting interference with American commerce, was being received today at the state department and translated from the diplomatic cipher.

REPLY, WHICH IS DOCUMENT OF SOME 6000 OR 7000 WORDS, WILL BE BEFORE THE PRESIDENT AND THE CABINET FOR CONSIDERATION

It is understood to be an elaboration of the preliminary reply received from London some time ago.

EXPECT HOLLAND TO JOIN ALLIES

Kaiser Masses Large Army on Dutch Border to Combat New Foe.

London, Eng., Feb. 12.—Besides Roumania, Bulgaria, Greece and Italy, it is quite probable that Holland will enter the war soon. The Germans seem to have less doubts about the advent of The Netherlands as a combatant than the allies. An American who has just arrived here after extended travels in Germany makes this clear.

The Kaiser has concentrated two full army corps near the German-Dutch border, he said, and many troops have been placed on the Belgian-Dutch border. Defence works have also been erected in the latter region. Germans realize that the open hostility of Holland would be a great blow to their cause. The army has no chance to push them out of Belgium if Holland remains neutral, but both in Berlin and at The Hague, it is realized that a declaration of war would be a blow at the heart of Germany. It would imperil the rich Westphalian mining and industrial district.

Fear German Seizure.

The Dutch believe that if Germany goes to war, The Netherlands will be part of Germany in all but name. Many argue that this reason alone is strong enough to induce Holland to cast her lot with the allies. The entry of Holland would be a blow at the heart of Germany. It would imperil the rich Westphalian mining and industrial district.

Great Army Waits.

"I visited much of the Rhine district, and saw Cologne there and 100,000 men concentrated, 40,000 at Düsseldorf and 100,000 at Wesel. Germany will have more than 2,000,000 men in the western area of war by spring. As for food, there is not the slightest indication of a shortage, and much laughter is caused among Germans by their supposed accounts of their supposed and plight, as related in the English press. German officials are well aware that British officials know Germany can hold out for two years or more."

LONDON TIMES SAYS U. S. ATTITUDE IS REASONABLE

London, Eng., Feb. 12.—Commenting on what it calls the fair and reasonable attitude of the American note to Germany, the London Times says editorially that:

"The case of a neutral flag to avoid an enemy we regard as an undoubted right, but a right which we are most unlikely to exercise in a manner to exclude the shipping of neutral states to serious peril or inconvenience. Under these circumstances and in view of the security good will prevailing between the two nations, a satisfactory accommodation should be promptly and easily reached."

"There is no evidence that when the admiralty advised the use of a neutral flag, matters had become so urgent as to override all other considerations. This case of this kind the foreign office is a better judge than the admiralty possibly can be. It seems to us even that friendly communications with America might have been avoided had the admiralty and the foreign office worked in this matter more closely together."

GUESTS MUST TAKE BREAD OR TICKETS TO BERLIN CAFES

Berlin, Germany, Feb. 12.—Anyone who goes to a Berlin restaurant after Feb. 22 must either take his bread in his pocket or carry a bread ticket. The Berlin authorities have decided on that plan to place the residents of the capital on a ration of two kilograms of bread a day.

Code words have been suggested for persons who are due to arrive at hotels during the night so that they may telegraph ahead from trains that they wish rolls with their morning coffee.

Trading in bread tickets will be difficult, as the tickets are not transferable and are good only for the week during which they are issued. Similar regulations probably will be made for all cities over 25,000 population.

TORONTO HOME GUARDS MUSTING AGAINST ORDER

Toronto, Canada, Feb. 12.—A company of the King's Own Guards was called to restore quiet when members of the Toronto Home Guards mutinied over the dismissal of their senior major, E. G. Gillis. The mutineers refused to obey an order by their colonel to parade, and it is said that only 32 out of 700 obeyed. Disorder broke out when the mutineers were refused admission to their armory.

CANADA APPLIES WAR TAX.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 12.—A drastic war taxation measure was proclaimed in the Canadian parliament late Thursday by Mr. B. L. X. Aile, minister of finance. Bank circulation and the business of loan and fire insurance companies are taxed. A stamp tax is applied to business and banking transactions, to railway and steamship tickets, telegraph and cable messages, letters, wires and patent medicines. There is a customs tariff increase covering all imports now dutiable and the free list of imports is virtually wiped out. The increased customs charges are effective at once.

DEFICIENCY BILL IS APPROVED BY FERGUSON

Carries an Appropriation of \$352,000 For the State University.

DISH WASHING BILL IS ALSO APPROVED

It Requires Restaurants and Hotels to Sterilize All Their Dishes.

AUSTIN, TEX., Feb. 12.—Gov. Ferguson today signed and approved the deficiency bill which carries appropriations amounting to \$650,000. Included in this bill is the so-called "chicken salad and punch item" of \$2000 for the governor's mansion.

In approving this item, Gov. Ferguson acted contrary to the opinion of the attorney general, who held that the legislature had exceeded its authority in making an appropriation for fuel, ice, groceries, etc., for the governor's mansion.

Includes University Item.

The deficiency bill also includes an appropriation of \$352,000 for the University of Texas and \$20,000 to pay the members of the national guard for services rendered while protecting the border.

\$3000 For Liquor Fight.

Another important item in the bill for \$3000 for the enforcement of the liquor laws. This item was not in the original bill as introduced by senator Covel in the senate, but at the request of the attorney general, it was tacked on in the house and concurred in by the senate.

Delinquent Tax Bill Killed.

After considering the whole morning on the Cope delinquent tax bill, the house killed the bill by the vote of 52 to 58. The measure was calculated to enforce the collection of some \$1,000,000 of delinquent taxes, dating back as far as 1885. A peculiar provision in it was that any person who failed to pay his taxes should be liable to arrest and imprisonment.

Suffrage to Come Up.

The Burmeister woman suffrage resolution is close to the top of the legislative agenda for the coming afternoon.

Mr. Burmeister is well armed with material with which he hopes to win the fight.

Reporting six bills favorably this morning, without a dissenting report on any, was the record of senate judiciary committee No. 1. Following are the bills:

Hindpaw's bill validating real estate conveyances; by McNeel, providing for the collection of delinquent taxes and outlying taxes previous to 1885; by Harley, creating a state board of equalization; by Morrow, increasing the pay of district judges to \$1600; by Roe, requiring applicants for license to practice law to apply to the board of examiners, located in the district in which such applicant resides; by Roe, regulating the employment of stenographers by courts of civil appeals.

"Dish Washing" Bill Signed.

The governor today signed the bill by senator Westbrock, which requires hotels, boarding houses and restaurants to sterilize their dishes. This bill is known as the "dish washing" bill.

He also signed the bill reorganizing the 15th judicial district and creating the 77th district, composed of Limestone and Prentiss counties. A. M. Blackmon, of Greenhook, was appointed judge of this court.

Insurance Bill Favored.

The bill introduced by senator Clark, which provides for a complete repeal of the law creating the state insurance commission was today reported favorably by the senate committee on insurance. Senator Townsend gave notice of an adverse minority report.

This committee also reported favorably the Henderson local insurance agents' commission bill. As the bill now stands, it provides for a flat commission of 15 percent and with a contingent commission of 14 percent.

May Use Collateral Clause.

The bill provides that insurance companies may use the collateral clause, provided they reduce the rate on the policy 10 percent and advise the insurer that the collateral clause is being used.

Blind Institute Bill Reported.

The senate committee on state affairs, reported the bill introduced by Lieut. Maritz, which provides for the sale of the property of the present blind institute and to remove the institution to a new locality. It carries an appropriation of \$125,000 for the first two years, this includes funds for the acquisition of land and erection of buildings.

The senate committee last night reported favorably the welfare commission and minimum wage bill for women, which had been under consideration for about two weeks.

LOOKING FOR GERMAN IN THE SAND DUNES



A Belgian motor cycle scout on observation duty among the sand dunes south of Ostend.

BANKER AND HIS WIFE ARE KILLED AGAINST JUDGE

Burglars Bind Them With Ropes and Apron Strings; Beat Them to Death.

Oakland, Calif., Feb. 12.—Jacob Vogel, former president of the Citizens Bank of Fruitvale, and his wife were found murdered today in their home in Fruitvale, a suburb. They had been beaten to death by burglars, who first trussed them up with ropes and Mrs. Vogel's apron strings.

The bodies were found this morning by Miss Rose Riet, a domestic, who returned from a night out with a friend. She found the door open and the bodies lying on the floor.

Sought Hidden Money.

Mr. and Mrs. Vogel are believed to have been called to the door by burglars who seized them, bound their hands behind their backs and when they made an outcry, beat them to death with a blunt instrument. The house was ransacked in an effort to obtain a sum of money rumored to have been kept secret by the Vogels.

AGED FARMER AND WIFE ARE BEATEN BY BURGLARS

Gibsonburg, O., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Joseph Kimbrell, 78, was murdered and her husband, 76, was probably fatally beaten by unknown men at their home near Braden, Wood county early today. County authorities have sent bloodhounds to the scene.

Kimbrell, a wealthy farmer, is reported to have kept large sums of money in his house. Investigation showed that the house had been ransacked, but whether anything of value had been taken could not be determined.

Nature of Charges.

The resolution under which the committee will take testimony, directs that it inquire whether judge Dayton conspired with certain corporations and individuals to bring about the removal of the late judge John J. Jackson of the federal district court, whether he has shown marked favoritism to certain corporations in his court; whether he has used his power as judge to further the interests of his son, attorney Arthur Dayton; whether he has lent his services as judge to coal operators by improperly issuing injunctions; whether he has shown bitterness toward miners on trial in his court; whether he has used his office to discourage miners from asserting their rights; whether he conspired with certain Republicans in the formation of a carbon trust in violation of the law; whether he openly stated he would permit the United Mine Workers of America to exist within the jurisdiction of his court; whether he has said in open court that the United Mine Workers were criminal conspirators; and, finally, whether he has been guilty of any act for which he should be impeached.

MILK IN RUSTY CAN KILLS FOUR

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 12.—Four members of the J. T. Harrison family near Abilene, Texas, are dead and four others seriously ill from poisoning by drinking milk out of a rusty tin vessel.

26TH INFANTRY PRIVATE MAKES MACHINE GUN RECORD

Texas City, Tex., Feb. 12.—By making 191 hits out of 159 shots, it is claimed private Claude Bloomfield, 26th infantry, has made a record in the United States army for machine gun firing at a floating target. Bloomfield fired from a distance of 500 yards at illuminated targets. The whole company made 529 hits out of 1200 shots.

ONE OF THE MOST

FREE OF

Russians, Suddenly Confronted By Superior Forces Fall Back to Poland.

TROOPS OF CZAR INVADE HUNGARY

Thousands of Men Are Employed Strengthening Russian Lines of Defence.

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 12.—The National Zeitung has published a dispatch from a correspondent on the Russian border, who says the Russians are employing thousands of laborers to strengthen their second line of defense.

At the fortresses of Ivanograd, Brest-Litovsk and Kovno men are working day and night, carrying the difficult task of strengthening the Russian lines of defense.

The Russian infantry suffered terribly in its massed attack, this correspondent continues. The thawing weather is bringing almost unbearable odors from the field, and preventives are being taken against sickness.

THE RUSSIAN INFANTRY SUFFERED TERRIBLY IN ITS MASSED ATTACK, THIS CORRESPONDENT CONTINUES. THE THAWING WEATHER IS BRINGING ALMOST UNBEARABLE ODORS FROM THE FIELD, AND PREVENTIVES ARE BEING TAKEN AGAINST SICKNESS.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 12.—The Russian incursion into east Prussia appears, judging from dispatches reaching London, likely to be as short lived as were the previous Russian raids into this same district. Last night's superb equipment and strategic railways in this territory have enabled the difficult task of throwing immense bodies of troops against the invaders. In the present case the German soldiers appear to have been unshaken by the German coast, from both Poland and interior points.

Russians Enter Hungary.

On the Carpathians the situation looks favorable to the Russians. They are pressing against the Austrian defenses at three of the most important mountain passes and this in spite of the difficulties imposed by the snow-blocked roads. Berlin admits that the Russians have entered Hungarian territory. Austrian artillery and machine guns are positioned in the Carpathian mountains, but these positions were most dearly bought in view of the terrible casualties inflicted by Austrian artillery and machine guns on the Russian massed formations.

The London newspapers profess to believe that the German submarine attack on the British liner, Laconia, flying the Dutch flag, will precipitate the more stringent measures against German trade which was promised by premier Asquith in a speech delivered Thursday in the house of commons. The Daily Mail says it believes the government will announce a complete blockade of the German coast as a result of which all goods to Germany by sea will be liable to seizure.

Russians Explain Retreat.

Further explanation of the retirement of the Russian forces in east Prussia is made today in an official statement from Petrograd, which says:

"It is a mistake to think of the retreat of a great operation which must and definitely the struggle in east Prussia."

The Russians are seeking the shelter of the Carpathian mountains, the statement asserts, before attempting to take 'more concentrated' locations from which to oppose the heavily reinforced Germans.

Germans Finally Repulsed.

The Russians claim thearrison of the fortress of Prentiss is exhausting itself in fruitless sorties. A final repulse of the Germans who temporarily occupied the heights of Kosiowka after 22 assaults is reported. The communication says:

Four Corps to Prussia.

"It has been established that recently there have appeared in east Prussia four new corps of the German army consisting partly of troops transported from the west front, partly of new recruits and partly of reserve forces."

This radically changed conditions involve the necessity of our troops retreating in order to facilitate repositioning, to locations more concentrated.

After 22 frustrated attempts, the Germans succeeded in occupying in great force, after a desperate struggle, the heights of Kosiowka, in the Carpathian mountains, but were dislodged after a violent bayonet attack leaving 400 dead.

The Garrison of the fortress of Prentiss is exhausting itself in fruitless attacks maintaining an irregular fire against our blockading troops."

Germans Explored Mine.

The French had ordered an investigation.

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The Hot Grand Jury Report Still Seems To Peeve ONE Side the Most